HONORING KATHRYN WINTER OF NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

# HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend Kathryn Winter on the occasion of her retirement as executive director of Fair Housing Napa Valley in Napa County, California. Kathryn's leadership will be truly missed by her colleagues, the people of Napa County, and all of the organizations around Northern California that heavily relied on her immense knowledge and experience in public service.

Mrs. Winter is a native San Franciscan who graduated from Lowell High School. She received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley and her masters from Stanford University. Mrs. Winter has dedicated her life to serving her community. She began her career of public service as an English instructor on the Navajo and Hopi Indian reservations, Napa Valley College and Hillsdale High School in San Mateo, California. Prior to her current position, she served honorably as a town councilmember in Yountville, California and as a Napa County supervisor. She also brought her talents to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

In her 6½ years as executive director of Fair Housing Napa Valley, she has worked tirelessly to eliminate housing discrimination and ensure equal housing opportunity for all people through leadership, education, conciliation, outreach, advocacy and enforcement. Under Kathryn's leadership, Fair Housing Napa Valley emerged as a powerhouse in the local non-profit community. She raised over \$1.8 million, expanded the program from one to five staff members, doubled caseload and tripled revenues.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize Kathryn Winter for her many years of service to Napa County, California, and to thank her for her many contributions to our community. I know she will continue to make the Napa Valley a better place during this next phase of her life. I join her husband Mick, her daughter Joanna and our colleagues in wishing her the best as she moves on to future challenges.

SUPPORTING SOCIAL SECURITY

#### HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  $Wednesday, July\ 21,\ 2010$ 

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, as we approach the 75th anniversary of Social Security, I rise today to reaffirm its promise as an economic lifeline to millions of senior citizens and those with disabilities, and to preserve it for future generations.

More than 50 million Americans depend on Social Security benefits to make ends meet. For many, it is their only source of financial security during these tough economic times. Seniors have worked all their lives and made contributions to the Social Security program. However, we should not threaten their benefits to reduce the federal deficit and pay for the

policies of fiscal irresponsibility that President Obama inherited. Fixing this budget mess should not come at the cost of hurting Social Security beneficiaries.

Our Republican colleagues have once again advanced a proposal to partially privatize Social Security that puts the financial security and stability of America's seniors at risk. Seniors cannot afford to have their retirement security gambled away on the volatile stock market. At the same time Washington Republicans want to repeal the Wall Street reform legislation, they are pushing for a risky plan that would funnel billions of dollars of America's Social Security retirement savings to Wall Street.

Madam Speaker, we have a choice to make. We can take the path that jeopardizes the Social Security program and the benefits it provides, or we can take the road that preserves the retirement benefits that seniors have paid for, earned and need. Let's choose the right path and make sure that Social Security continues to provide seniors with the same financial stability, reliability and security as it has for the past 75 years.

HONORING THE EFFORTS OF THE YOUNG ARTISTS FROM THE WORD OF FAITH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students from the Word of Faith Christian School in the small rural community of Spindale, North Carolina. These students have produced an impressive collection of approximately 300 pieces of art depicting World War II and the legacy of the Holocaust. Their work has been displayed in several exhibitions in North Carolina. After reviewing the work, Michael Berenbaum, the Founding Director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, stated that he "was profoundly impressed by their quality, their diversity, their integrity and their passion. I have never seen such work from students of their age."

From July 19 to July 22, these students will feature their work at the Christians United for Israel Summit, which is to be held at the Washington Convention Center. I would like to recognize these students and the Word of Faith Christian School for their tremendous artistic accomplishments, their dedication to the preservation of history, and for their unwavering support of Israel.

HONORING DENNIS CUPP

# HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dennis Cupp, the former Chief of Police in Moberly, Missouri, who retired after 30 years of service to the city.

Over the course of his storied career, Lieutenant Colonel Cupp has compiled an impres-

sive resume of accomplishments and accolades. Lt. Colonel Cupp has received training from a number of prestigious institutions including the Harry S. Truman Police Academy, the University of Missouri, and the Missouri Police Chiefs Association. It should also be noted that Lt. Colonel Cupp graduated from the 127 class of Police Management School, School of Police Staff & Command, which is nationally recognized.

Lt. Colonel Cupp is the regional vice president of the Missouri Police Chiefs Association. He is a member of Missouri and International Association of Chiefs of Police. He also serves the community in other ways as well. He has recently served in the role of region 4 coordinator for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lt. Colonel David Cupp for his service to the city of Moberly and the State of Missouri.

PREVENTION OF INTERSTATE COMMERCE IN ANIMAL CRUSH VIDEOS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 5566, the Prevention of Interstate Commerce in Animal Crush Videos Act of 2010. This bill will ban the sale and distribution of so-called animal crush videos. In reality, they are shocking displays of animal cruelty.

This bill was introduced in response to the Supreme Court's decision in U.S. v. Stevens to strike down a previous law that banned these videos, as unconstitutional. The sponsor of the new bill, Congressman Gallegly, worked with law and constitutional scholars to ensure that this bill is narrowly tailored to be able to survive strict First Amendment scrutiny while still banning the sale and distribution of these horrific videos.

Additionally, for the opponents out there who incorrectly object to the bill on the grounds that it may restrict hunting and fishing rights, the bill clarifies that depictions of hunting, fishing, trapping and common animal husbandry practices are exempt.

As many of my colleagues know, I have had a lifelong love and compassion for animals of all kinds. That is why I am simply shocked at the cruelty exhibited in these videos. What upsets me more is that there is an audience out there that enjoys the brutality depicted in these videos.

I supported the original legislation that banned the depiction of animal cruelty in the 106th Congress. Today I want to strongly add my support to H.R. 5566, the Prevention of Interstate Commerce in Animal Crush Videos Act of 2010.

Mr. Speaker, it is past time that this inhumane and cruel practice is once and for all put to an end